

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following paragraph:

[0025] Figure 11 is a front view of a surface-mounted lighting unit according to the invention with external wiring; ~~wiring; and~~

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following paragraph:

[0026] Figure 12 is a side view of the lighting unit of ~~Figure 11~~; Figure 11; and

Please add the following new paragraph after originally filed paragraph [0026]:

[0026.1] Figure 13 is an axial section through a marine hull underwater lighting unit according to another embodiment of the invention mounted in a cofferdam welded to the hull of a marine craft.

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following paragraph:

[0033] Around the mounting stem 16 at the rear face of the lighting unit housing 11 are integrally formed a pair of rearwardly extending concentric annular ribs 24. The ribs 24 lie between a pair of oppositely facing outwardly extending concentric annular ribs 25 on the back wall of the cofferdam 2, and on assembly of the lighting unit 1 to the cofferdam 2 an initially flat sealing disc 26 of a silicone compound, or polyurethane rubber, or other elastomeric material, is trapped between the oppositely facing ribs 24 and 25. The mounting stem 16 is externally screw-threaded, and is pushed through the aperture 5 in the back wall of the cofferdam 2 where it is held in place by a washer 27 and nut 28. The nut 28 can therefore be screwed tight until the sealing disc 26 is distorted into a corrugated section by the opposed ribs 24 and 25. British Patent No 2258035 discloses the

establishment of a very reliable seal by the use of an intermediate sealing gland and one such rib on each of two flat faces to be clamped together. The use of more than one concentric rib on each of the cofferdam back wall and the lighting unit back wall establishes a uniquely efficient seal. Even greater sealing security can be achieved (~~although not shown in the drawings~~) by partially recessing the initially flat sealing disc 26 and the ribs 24 or 25 in a circular ~~recess~~ recess 52 in the rear wall of the housing 11 around the mounting stem 16 or in the back wall of the cofferdam 2 around the aperture 5 (as illustrated in FIG. 13). In this embodiment, the ribs 24 extend from a base 50 of the recess 52. Depending on the depth of the circular recess and the thickness of the sealing disc 26, accurate control can be achieved of the spacing between the rear wall of the housing 10 and the back wall of the cofferdam 2 when the unit is assembled and fully tightened. Preferably the spacing established between the two walls is from no space at all (surfaces touching) to a 2 mm spacing to allow for extra water cooling, which may be desirable depending on the power of the LEDs used.